

DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER TRANSPORTATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

***2003 EISENHOWER GRADUATE TRANSPORTATION FELLOWSHIPS
ANNOUNCEMENT***

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OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

This announcement is for the **EISENHOWER GRADUATE TRANSPORTATION FELLOWSHIPS** which is one of six award categories of the **DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER TRANSPORTATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**. The objectives of the overall Program are to attract the Nation's brightest minds to the field of transportation, to enhance the careers of transportation professionals by encouraging them to seek advanced degrees, and to retain top talent in the transportation industry of the United States. The Program is intended to help upgrade the scope of knowledge of the entire transportation community in the United States and encompasses all modes of transportation.

The six fellowship award categories are:

Eisenhower Graduate (GRAD) Fellowships- provide funding for the pursuit of Master's Degrees or Doctorates in transportation-related fields.

Eisenhower Grants for Research Fellowships (GRF) – fund undergraduate and graduate students to conduct transportation research and engage in development and technology transfer activities at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Eisenhower Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Fellowships – provide

funding opportunities for HBCU students to enter careers in transportation.

Eisenhower Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) Fellowships- provide funding opportunities for HSI students to enter careers in transportation.

Eisenhower Tribal Colleges Fellowships (TCF) - provide funding opportunities for students and faculty at Tribal Colleges and identify additional transportation-related activities.

Eisenhower Faculty Fellowships (FF) - provide talented faculty in transportation-related fields with opportunities to enhance their expertise, by attending transportation conferences, courses, seminars or workshops.

DISCIPLINES

The purpose of the Eisenhower Graduate Transportation Fellowships is to sponsor persons interested in pursuing a Master's, Ph.D. (or equivalent) degree in a field of study which is directly related to transportation.¹ The Fellowship recipient's degree program must contain a major, minor or emphasis in transportation. Selectees for the 2003 Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships must be enrolled not later than the Fall 2003 academic year.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants of the Eisenhower Graduate Transportation Fellowships must be **U.S. CITIZENS**. The fellowships are intended for persons who wish to obtain graduate degrees and who plan to enter the transportation profession after completing their post-baccalaureate education. Baccalaureate students applying for Master's fellowships must be graduating seniors. Master's students applying

for doctoral fellowships must be in their final year of Master's study and/or research. Recipients in dual-degree programs will be funded accordingly.

SELECTION

The applications will be evaluated by the National Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships Review Panel. This panel will be composed of prominent national transportation professionals who will review each applicant's qualifications. The recommendations for selection will be ranked in merit order and furnished to the National Highway Institute. Final selections will be made by the Director, National Highway Institute.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships will be awarded on the basis of merit. Evidence of merit will include:

- Academic records, including class standing, GPA, and official transcripts;
- Transportation work experience, if any, including employer's endorsement; and
- Recommendations regarding the applicant's qualifications.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

Eisenhower Transportation Fellowships selectees may attend any accredited public or private U.S. institution of higher education:

- offering advanced degrees in fields of study which are directly related to transportation.
- Conducting ongoing research in one or more areas of transportation-related disciplines.
- including students attending participating Historically Black Colleges and

¹ Transportation-related disciplines can be found at www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov

Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Tribal Colleges.

STIPEND, TUITION AND TAXES

Fellowship recipients should be advised that **the stipend portion of the fellowship may be taxed subject** to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations.

The stipends for the Eisenhower Graduate Transportation Fellowships are as follows:

Master's Level	\$1,700/mo.
Doctoral Level	\$2,000/mo.

TUITION CAP

Annually a maximum of \$10,000 in tuition and fees will be covered by the Eisenhower Graduate Transportation Fellowships. Additional tuition and fees will be the responsibility of the fellowship recipient. In addition, fellowship recipients will be allowed a one-time expenditure up to \$1,000 for attendance at the Annual Transportation Research Board (TRB) Meeting in January.

Restrictions on the use of fellowship funds are as follows:

- No dependency allowances;
- No reimbursement of university administrative costs;
- Fellowship recipients are eligible for funding only during months of enrollment in full-time programs leading to graduate degrees; and
- **Unused funds must be returned to the Federal Highway Administration within 90 days of the termination date of the fellowship.**

FUNDING

Funding for Eisenhower Graduate Transportation Fellowships for Master's candidates is awarded for **two years (2) maximum**, but must be expended within **three (3) years**. Funding for Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships for Ph.D. (or equivalent) candidates is awarded for **three (3) years maximum**, but must be expended within **five (5) years**.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

Fellowship recipients who choose to obtain a research-based degree must conduct original research and prepare a report, thesis or dissertation on a topic directly related to an important transportation problem or issue. Research results will be the property of the Federal Highway Administration and must be made available to FHWA on a royalty free basis.

Students' academic programs may include a reasonable amount of teaching as deemed appropriate by the institution as contributing to the Fellowship recipient's academic progress. Fellowship recipients may only accept remuneration from another fellowship for funding the difference above the \$10,000 limitation for tuition and fees and the actual tuition amount.

Once an award is made, the initial graduate study plan and research topic may be changed after consultation between the fellowship recipient's Faculty Advisor and the Director, Universities & Grants Programs.

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The award funding is contingent upon the recipient's satisfactory academic progress.

Federal, State and local government transportation employees **may** be eligible for the monthly stipend **but will be required to take leave from their current employer.** These recipients are expected to fulfill work-release terms with their current employers upon expiration of the fellowship.

SCHEDULE

Applications for Eisenhower Graduate Transportation Fellowships must be received by **February 15, 2003.** Send the application to the address in the section on "**How to Apply**".

THERE WILL BE NO EXTENSION OF THIS DATE.

Selected fellowship recipients will be contacted by the National Highway Institute no later than **May 4, 2003** to determine acceptance of the award. Grants will be awarded no later than **July 13, 2003.**

HOW TO APPLY

The Eisenhower Graduate Transportation Fellowships application and supporting materials must be received at the following address by 4:00 p.m. on **February 15, 2003.**

Dr. Ilene D. Payne
Director, Universities & Grants Programs
National Highway Institute, HNHI-20
4600 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203
TEL:(703) 235-0538
FAX:(703) 235-0593
Website: www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov

General Instructions: Please read the Eisenhower Graduate Transportation Fellowships Announcement and these instructions before preparing the application materials. Applicants must submit **one original (with signatures) and six copies of all materials. APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT**

THE REQUESTED NUMBER OF COPIES. *All materials must be typed.*

Students should request **one** official transcript be sent to the above address; however, **6 copies** will be accepted pending receipt of the official transcript.

Complete Application: A completed application must be typed and will consist of:

- Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships Application, Parts 1 - 3; applicant and faculty advisor signatures are **required**;
- Academic records, including class standing, GPA and official transcripts;
- Four recommendation and/or endorsement letters; and
- Resume.

It is permissible to use copies of the application forms.

Application - Part 1: All requested information must be provided unless labeled "optional." If an item is not available, state "**NA**". Applicants must be U.S. citizens. The application must have an original signature in dark ink.

Application - Part 2: List only those universities where a degree was obtained. List only those employers where a transportation function was performed. Each applicant must have four recommendation and/or endorsement letters. If currently employed in a transportation function, it is imperative that your employer submit an endorsement letter. The recommendation and endorsement letters should contain length and nature of the person's relationship with the applicant and comments on the applicant's overall ability, suitability for graduate school and potential for major contributions in one or more areas of transportation.

Application - Part 3: The narrative should

demonstrate an applicant's intent to pursue a plan of graduate study and a career in transportation. The applicant should relate graduate study, research plans and career goals.

Part 3 must be limited to two pages.

RETURN OF MATERIAL: Applications and any supporting documents **cannot** be returned to applicants.

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Nomination Form - Part 1

Must be typed

Name		Social Security Number - -
Current Address		Tel. No.() E-mail Address Fax No.()
Permanent Address		Telephone Number ()
Check one box to indicate your current status: <input type="checkbox"/> College Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Candidate <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral Candidate		RACE (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black OR African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other ETHNICITY (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino in Puerto Rico <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino in Puerto Rico
U.S. Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, please specify _____		
Date of Birth _ _ _ _ _ _ M M D D Y Y	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	

Nominating College or University/Acad. Dept.	
Name and Address of Faculty Advisor	Tel. Number: () E-mail Address: Fax Number: ()
Applicant's Major, Minor and Credit Hours Earned in Each	
Date	Signature of Applicant (<i>Required</i>)
Date	Signature of Faculty Advisor (<i>Required</i>)

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Nomination Form - Part 2

Colleges/Universities Attended	Dates Attended	Degrees Earned	Date Awarded

Employer (most recent first)	Address	Dates of Employment

Names & Addresses of person(s) submitting recommendation/endorsement
1.
2.
3.
4.

List Academic Honors, Scholarships, Offices Held in Student /Professional Organizations, etc.

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Nomination Form - Part 3

Proposed Plan of Graduate Study/Career in Transportation

Summarize your long-range professional goals. Describe educational, personal and work experiences, accomplishments, volunteer activities and/or events in your life relevant to your goals. Relate your research initiatives to your proposed career in the field of transportation. **Limit 2 pages.**